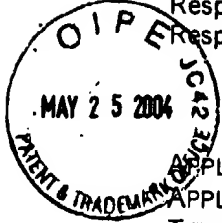


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Information Disclosure Statement

The Office indicated that the Applicants have not properly presented the Lowenstein reference in an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully direct the Office's attention to their acknowledgment of the disclosure of US Patent No. 3,764,692 by Lowenstein in an Information Disclosure Statement included with an Office Action dated as of January 31, 2002 (Paper No. 5).